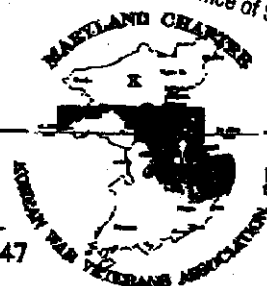


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RE: Docket No. 03-133

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin and Adelstein

We understand that the Regional Bell Operating Companies are requesting, from the FCC, the right to charge new fees, which, if successful, would increase the cost of pre-paid telephone calling cards up to 20%. Our concern is the impact this increase would have on the servicemen and servicewomen of this country wherever they may be posted. While all users of these cards will suffer should this proposal be approved, the impact will be felt by those who can least afford it. It may be that this 20% is a "trial balloon". In any event, we are adamantly opposed to this attempt by the Telecom industry to increase their revenues at the expense of those least likely to be able to pay.

Accordingly, we ask the FCC to deny this proposed rate increase. The servicemen and servicewomen, in particular, as well as the public in general, do not deserve to be treated in this manner.

Sincerely

Robert S. Banker
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